



Janet Marie Jones Kelley

February 26, 1923 - July 8, 2025

Janet Marie Jones Kelley, beloved mother, grandmother, friend, and woman of extraordinary grace and warmth, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the age of 102. Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on February 26, 1923, Janet was the daughter of the late Janet Crawford Jones and Jessie Jones. She attended Mary Baldwin College, where she cultivated a refined sense of culture and intellect that would carry through every aspect of her life.

After college, Janet married the love of her life, Edgar Frances "Ike" Kelley, beginning a devoted partnership filled with joy, resilience, and unwavering support. She began her professional life working with the University of Virginia Dermatology Group, but joyfully became a full-time mother after the birth of her daughter, Lisa, followed by her son, Mark. In 1963, the Kelley family relocated to Atlanta, where they settled in Decatur on Montevallo Circle—a place she would call home for over 50 years. Janet later returned to the workforce with the Centers for Disease Control.

In her later years, Janet moved to Newnan in 2021 to live with her daughter, Lisa, and son-in-law, Jack, and eventually became a resident at Westhill Newnan, where she continued to bring warmth and beauty to those around her.

Janet's life was a reflection of creativity, hospitality, and love. A gifted artist,

she painted oil portraits of still life, florals, landscapes, and especially those closest to her heart-her grandchildren and even her granddogs. She found deep joy in gardening - planting and nurturing flowers, always drawn to the sunshine that mirrored her own inner light.

Janet was the consummate hostess, known for her floral arrangements and elegance of her tables prepared for every occasion from birthdays to Easter and Christmas. She had a gift for making everyone feel special. Her cookie box was legendary, always filled and ready. No one ever left her home without a treat bag and the feeling of having been deeply cared for.

More than anything, Janet nurtured others with her unwavering love, quiet strength, and kindness. Her faith and life were inseparable, woven together in every word and act of grace. She will be greatly missed by her children, extended family, and friends.

Janet is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Jack) Dempsey; her son, Mark Kelley; her beloved and cherished grandchildren, Dr. Amanda Ridgeway, MD, her husband, John, and sons, Luke and Adam, Dr. Melissa Dempsey, Amber Kelley and her daughter, Sherilyn, and Jonathan Kelley and his wife, Kelli, and daughters, Avery and Brynn; special niece and nephew, Jessica and David Jones of Virginia; and several other extended family members.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Floral Hills Memory Gardens, 3000 Lawrenceville Hwy., Tucker, GA 30084.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Janet's memory by planting a flower in her name, sharing a homemade treat with someone you love, or simply sitting in the sunshine she so adored.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Floral Hills Memory Gardens
3000 Lawrenceville Hwy
Tucker, GA 30084

Tribute Wall

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“ I have wonderful memories of my friend Janet. As my next door neighbor for 3 years we would get together everyday. She was very special in all ways. A very skilled cook her casseroles, the gazpacho soup and all the cookies she used to bake are still fresh in my memory. Thank you for being my friend.
Lisa and Mark my condolences.

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janet Marie Jones Kelley.



July 10, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet Marie Jones Kelley.

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“ Donna Perry & family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Janet Marie Jones Kelley.



Donna Perry & family - July 10, 2025 at 11:32 AM

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“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Lisa & family. During this difficult time.* ”



Enesta Reeves- Peaches - July 09, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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“ *My name is Millie I lived and took care of this beautiful soul for almost 10 years we shared so much together good and bad loved her so much she will be missed* ”

Mildred Montoya - July 09, 2025 at 11:47 AM